

Patrol Officers

Officers are assigned to one of three work shifts:

- Dayshift 7am – 4pm
- Swing Shift 3pm – 12am
- Graveyard 10 pm – 7am

Officers will remain on a particular shift for 4 months, and then they must “bid” for a new shift based on several criteria, but mainly sonority. Officers are allowed to work the same shift for two (2) consecutive rotations then they must move to a different shift.

Each shift consists of one (1) patrol sergeant and 5 patrol officers.

Each individual officer works a 5-9 work schedule. That schedule is five 9-hr days, followed by two days off, then four 9-hr days followed by 3 days off before the pattern repeats. The day off tracks available are heavily weighted to give Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday off which leaves more people working the busy weekends.

Type of work

A patrol officer is expected to be a “general” law enforcement officer who handles routine calls for service and balances their time with proactive activity, such as traffic enforcement. An officer will handle anywhere from 2 – 10 calls for service on a typical day depending on the hours and day of the week that they work.

If an officer handles an initial crime report (such as burglary) the officer is expected to handle the case investigation to its logical conclusion. This is referred to as “Case Management.” If a case is too complex in scope, or too time consuming for patrol then the case is transferred to Detectives for additional follow-up by the end of the officers work week.

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Officers generally are expected to work alone in a patrol car. However, during the busy months officers are assigned to bicycles, or teamed up to work on foot.